



Town of Blades
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***Town Council Meeting
BVFC, East Fifth Street, Blades, DE
7:00PM
May 8, 2023***

Present: Mayor Robert Atkinson, Vice-Mayor William Stang, Councilman Donald Trice, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr., Police Chief Martin Willey, Police Administrative Assistant Loretta Lynch, Administrative Assistant Crystal Gregor and Town Administrator Lisa Marks.

Mayor Robert Atkinson officially opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Opening Prayer by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes from the April 10, 2023, Town Council Meeting: Motion to accept in written form by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes. Carried

Police Report – Submitted and read by Police Chief Martin Willey.

BEDCO – No report at the time of this meeting.

P&Z – Submitted by Councilman Donald Trice. Preliminary plans for an upscale townhouse development were approved to move forward with the next stage of their planning. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

❖ **Committee Reports:**

- Housing/Code – Report submitted by Code Enforcement Officer, Marcus Trammell and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.
- Water report - Reports submitted by Public Works Supervisor Frank O'Day and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Streets – Report submitted and read by Vice-Mayor William Stang.
- Parks & Cemeteries – Report submitted and read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Police – Report submitted and read by Councilman Donald Trice.
- Mayor's Report – Report submitted and read by Mayor Robert Atkinson.
- Town Administrator Report – Report submitted and read by Town Administrator Lisa Marks.



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❖ New Business:

- Appoint 2023 Municipal Election Board – Motion made to appoint John & Starr Kulikauski and Lisa Marks as the 2023 Board of Elections by Vice-Mayor William Stang, seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed; Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes. Carried

❖ Old Business:

- Second Reading Ordinance 436 – Assessments in Addition to Fines Imposed by Courts – read by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr.
- Hardin Hall Bid Update – Motion to accept Hunter Creek Homes, Inc. proposal/contract to rebuild Hardin Hall by Councilman Donald Trice; Seconded by Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. Motion passed, Vice-Mayor William Stang – Yes, Councilman Donald Trice – Yes, Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. – Yes. Carried

❖ Good of the Community

Citizens expressed concerns about the proposed townhouse development that had a preliminary review at the May 1, 2023, Planning & Zoning meeting. – Access will be from Concord Road and also Brickyard Road. If the need for power washing becomes an issue, our Code Enforcement officer would enforce 4120(a) from the Blades Housing Code Enforcement Manual / Delaware State Housing Code.

Citizen inquired about the lack of a drainage pipe/culvert on a vacant lot. – Property owner's contractor installs drainage pipe/culvert at the time of construction.

Councilman Pierre Gaither, Sr. motioned to adjourn the May 8, 2023, Blades Town Council Meeting, Seconded by Vice-Mayor William Stang.

Mayor Robert Atkinson adjourned the Blades Town Council Meeting at 8:42 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Marks
Town Administrator